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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Warner

SUBJECT: Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Briefing on Wednesday, 8 November 1967

1. George Murphy called the Director's office and this office and advised that the time of the Director's appearance has been switched from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. They have not completed the arrangements for the appearance of General Wheeler which apparently is necessitated by the change of time in the Director's appearance.

2. Mr. Murphy also raised a question on whether a NIE on their general subject has just been issued or is just about to be issued. He would like a copy on Monday, prior to our appearance if there is such a paper available. He noted that he could not vouch for the information he has, and that it may be in error. After talking with Dr. Sherman Kent who advised that an estimate dealing with Soviet missiles will be under consideration next Thursday, but that it will not change any of the basic determinations made in the basic AE estimate, 11-6 (?), I called Mr. Murphy and advised him that there has not been a recent issue. In response to his questions I advised that there were various items under consideration, but that they would not affect the findings in the basic AE paper. I closed out with him on the note that as near as I could ascertain, he is up to date on the subject. It is worth noting that his apparent concern, which was not stated until nearly the end of our conversation, is that he would want any estimates on missiles if such were issuing since the Committee is currently in ABM hearings.

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4. In the conversation with Dr. Kent, he suggested for your consideration that you might like to have Mr. Murphy or the Chairman or whoever come out and we will sit down with them and show them that in the consideration of other matters such as the upcoming one on Soviet missiles, that such estimates are found in the basic AE paper and do not generate new AE considerations. Dr. Kent's sentiment is that we are completely familiar with the Committee's legal requirements and authorities, and we have no desire to hold out on them in any fashion. You might be interested in discussing that area further with Dr. Kent.

5. The call to the Director's office was apparently taken by [redacted] and immediately passed on to Elizabeth and Mr. Helms.

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